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No Illusions

“We should be under no illusions as to the sustained efforts required in Somalia, and from its international partners, to ensure that it continues to make progress,” said the UK foreign Secretary while reopening a new British Embassy in Mogadishu.

The Federal Government of Somalia and UK co-hosted a Somalia Conference in London in May. The aim of the conference was to provide coordinated international support for the new government as it rebuilds the country after over two decades of conflict. There was agreement on the need for the international community to support the SFG’s plans in security, justice and public financial management. The President of Somalia engaged G8 leaders and encouraged them to trade with and invest in Somalia, since investment and trade will play significant roles in restoring peace. He was successful and pledges of over 300 million dollars.

The Federal Government and Somaliland agreed to resume control of air traffic management from the United Nations and establish a joint control body that is based in Hargeisa. It was also agreed that this body will create a mechanism for equitable revenue-sharing. This was after a delegation from both Somalia and Somaliland met in Istanbul, with facilitation from the Turkish Government. This was politically significant as it is the first this year both Government’s have formed consensus.

Meanwhile, tension between Somaliland and Puntland over the disputed Sanaag border escalated when Puntland attempted to hold local government elections in Dhahar district. The Somaliland military took control of the town and confiscated Puntland ballot boxes that were to be used for the local elections.

Armed conflict in Jubbaland continues to undermine stabilization efforts in the region. Conflict between forces loyal to Sheikh Ahmed “Madoobe” Mohamed Islam and the self-declared President Bare Aden Shire has resulted in over 70 deaths and 300 injuries. The Madobe Administration blamed the Somali Federal Government of being behind the clashes while the Federal Government blamed Kenyan Defense Forces of being opportunistic and taking sides in the conflict.

There are also continued reports of internal rifts among Al Shabaab top leaders that saw Hassan Dahir Aweys surrender to the Himan and Heeb Administration, Sheikh Mukhtar Robow fleeing to Bakool region and other top Al Shabaab leaders assassinated by the group’s hardline leader, Ahmed Godane. Despite these challenges, the extremist group remains a major destabilizing force throughout the country. Shabaab have resorted to deadly guerilla attacks and suicide bombings with the most serious attacks witnessed targeting the regional court and the United Nations compound in Mogadishu.

Transition Initiatives for Stabilization (TIS) is a quick impact, results driven program promoting peace in Somalia. To ensure lasting stabilization, TIS promotes Somali-ownership and aims to build confidence between government institutions and its citizens by improving public services. TIS is implemented by Development Alternatives Inc (DAI) in Somaliland, Puntland, along the Somali border and in central Somalia. This quarterly report highlights TIS-DAI's results, challenges and lessons learnt between April - June, 2013

As of June 2013, TIS-DAI implemented a total of 205 grants valued at \$14,264,758 of which 38 are completed, 27 closed, and 121 cleared/ongoing.

Key activities

161,601

Somalis engaged in peace and reconciliation activities

161

local employment opportunities created

17

construction contracts awarded to local companies to promote transparent tendering and economic development

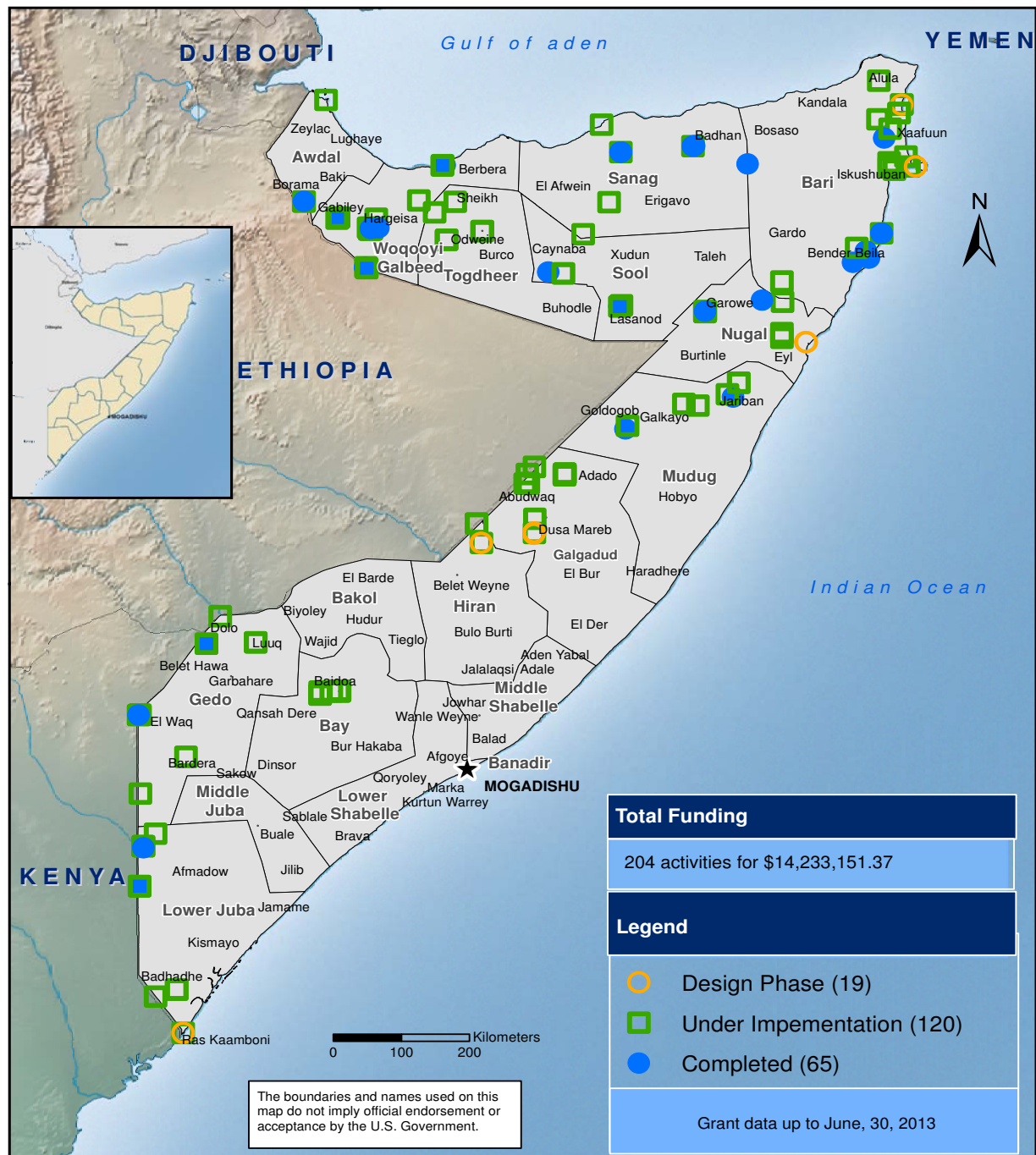
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community consensus building processes facilitated resulting in the design of 16 peace dividends worth \$1.2m

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community dialogue events to increase confidence in government

Geographical coverage



Results

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Mayor of Bendarbeyla

The Transition Initiatives for Stabilization (TIS) program mitigates conflict by giving Somali community and government representatives the opportunity to design and implement targeted activities that contribute to peace and stability.

This quarter, TIS facilitated five stabilization planning sessions to identify stabilization projects, two stakeholder consultation meetings to identify alternative stabilization project, six anti-piracy awareness raising workshops to reduce the appeal of piracy among youth and supported social integration by organizing exposure visits among communities in Somaliland.

Somalis for Peace

TIS facilitated five planning sessions for the following districts: Abudwak, Dhusamareeb, Hiraale, Balambaale and Guricel in Galgaduud region. The planning sessions brought together over 67 participants from a wide cross section of society, including representatives from the Somali Federal Government, the local administration, youth, women, religious leaders, elders, minority groups

and the private sector. In support of gender mainstreaming in decision-making, TIS ensured that 40 per cent of the participants were women. The planning sessions gave communities the opportunity to discuss the main drivers of conflict and instability in their area and collectively prioritize strategic quick-impact projects that could help transform conflict and contribute to peace and stability. The weeklong planning sessions culminated in the design of 16 peace dividend projects worth \$1.2 million.

TIS facilitated two consensus building meetings in Xafuun and Eyl in Puntland. The meetings were aimed at facilitating community and government representatives to engage in dialogue and arrive at a consensus on alternative priority activities to replace the earlier unfeasible ones. As a result, communities in Xaafun substituted the drilling of wells (the well project was suspended after water sample testing revealed that water quality was unsafe for human consumption) with construction of local administration offices. Meanwhile, Eyl substituted the purchase of used garbage truck with construction of a women's center and rehabilitation of their district hospital.



Anti-piracy Activities Reach 300 Youth

Lured by ransom money, youth in Somali coastal towns can fall prey to the temptation of piracy, putting their lives at risk, creating a false economy and threatening international trade.

The Mayor of Jariban describes piracy as misfortune disguised as fortune. "Youth are always obsessed with the glamour of money, but this often turns to clamor for freedom," he said referring to hundreds of young Somali pirates imprisoned in foreign countries. "When a young man, who has never handled a hundred dollars, gets a lot of money, he goes wild resorting to drugs," says the Mayor.

Piracy has damaged the social fabric and moral values of society. "Pirates are always young armed violent men who have no respect for leaders and elders, they are rough and are usually under the influence of drugs," adds Ahmed, a community elder.

"Older youth convince teenagers to join piracy. I took a strong decision after I saw a teenager from Galkacyo sentenced to life imprisonment on TV," says 16 year old Yahya who cites peer pressure as a reason for youth joining piracy.

This quarter, USAID has supported six community-led anti-piracy sensitization workshops to help youth resist piracy. "These sensitization sessions will make young people desist from piracy, it will make them appreciate that piracy will not only risk their lives, but also ... damages the social fabric of the society," says the Mayor of Bendarbeyla.

The decisions were reached through consensus building meetings among key stakeholders in the community, facilitated by TIS. The communities appreciated TIS flexibility in addressing the pressing needs of the communities, upholding the views of the communities, and respecting the local communities as integral partners in the decision making process at various stages of project implementation.

Reducing the appeal of piracy through antipiracy workshops and creating education opportunities

TIS conducted six antipiracy awareness workshops for 300 youth in Jariiban, Balibusle, Garacad, Durdura, Kulule and Bendarbeyla in Puntland, Somalia. The sessions focused on the grave consequences of piracy and experiences were shared of ex-convicts who abandoned piracy after being released from prison. To strengthen community and government capacity to fight piracy, TIS has also constructed a primary and secondary school women center, and local administration. Somali communities in consensus with government selected each activity.

Creating community cohesion through exposure visits in Somaliland

Located in the disputed Sool region, residents of Las Anod have been victims of violence between Somaliland, Puntland and Khatumo

state forces, and are often filled with fear and distrust towards their neighbors. TIS decided to bridge the gap by facilitating a peacebuilding exposure visit for 12 people from Las Anod to visit Borama in Somaliland. The communities shared the painful experiences of witnessing violent conflict and plausible possibilities of transforming conflicts and working towards peaceful co-existence.

Improving livelihood through creating job opportunities and ensuring gender equality

This quarter, TIS has improved the livelihood of 4,000 men, women and children by giving job opportunities to 721 people across Somalia. These job opportunities will provide alternative sources of income to crime. TIS-DAI have proactively ensured women get employment by introducing a policy that ensures that sub-contractors have women make up at least 5 per cent of their workforce.



Empowering Women to Build the Future

The majority of women in Somalia remain confined within traditional gender roles. They are often focused within their homes and busy with household chores, with apprehension about competing with men for jobs in their society. Amid this, USAID's Transition Initiatives for Stabilization (TIS) has helped Fatima, a young Somali woman, unlock her potential.

Fatima defied the odds and inspired many women when she won a very competitive interview process to win the position of TIS Site Supervisor for construction in Jariiban District. She proved her worth against male candidates who had previously dismissed her as a weak opponent.

"You must be the change you want to see in the world," says Fatima, "TIS has laid the foundation for me to spread my wings and fly high." Her position has led to improvements in the livelihood of her family. Fatima, who lost her father when she was eight years old, is now the proud breadwinner for her mother and four siblings. "I thank TIS for giving me the chance I desperately needed, the chance to lift the living standard of my mother and siblings."

This focus on all aspects of implementation recognizes that stability can be realized by not only strengthening political institutions, but also by addressing social misconceptions and fostering equality. "Stabilization will be realized when the neglected groups of the society feel that they are important, and to prove it, they will always strive to be the best. You have to build people too," says the mayor of Jariban. The skills and experience she is gaining will make Fatima competitive in the job market. In an effort to strengthen the capacity of women, TIS has and continues to construct more than 10 women's centers across Somalia, and introduced a policy to ensure that sub-contractors have women make up at least 5% of their workforce.

“This training is very important for the Ministry of Planning, we learnt useful set of tools for conducting Monitoring and Evaluation in our programs.”

Fatima M&E officer at the Ministry of Planning

This quarter, TIS continued to build capacity and strengthen government institutions while at the same time collaborating and engaging national ministries, regional and local government administrations with the goal of increasing government visibility and service provision. In Somaliland, TIS began construction of a three storey Ministry of Interior Head Quarters.

In Puntland, TIS-DAI strengthened the government’s capacity by conducting Monitoring and Evaluation training for 40 members of staff, mainly from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. TIS also enhanced the capacity of the Puntland Highway Authority to conduct road surveys by provision of road survey equipment. Further, construction of the local administration offices in Adaado and Baidoa are underway and the construction of local administration offices in Diff and El Aak will commence next quarter to restore professionalism in government.

Promoting public confidence in nascent government

The TIS program increases confidence in governance by attributing success of activities to local government and the community, rather than USAID or DAI. This quarter, TIS facilitated six events celebrating the successful completion of administration blocks, roads, schools, a market and a footbridge. The events increased dialogue on socio-economic issues between government

and the public. In Bargaal and Jariiban in Puntland, the CD event to celebrate the schools, local administration block and road will be remembered for the traditional dances, poems and fascinating football matches, and in Somaliland, the Youth Relay Race to celebrate the footbridge at Gabiley. “I thank my government for its enormous effort to bring development to our district, these calls for a celebration and that is why we came out in large numbers to celebrate this joyous moment”

Aasho Mohamud Jamaa

Increasing mobility and trade

TIS-DAI has improved trade by constructing roads, which were previously in a deplorable state and hindered on the transportation of goods. TIS completed the construction of three roads in Jariiban and Hosingabo in Bargaal this quarter, and will start the construction of two roads in Jariiban, while construction of four gravel roads in Eyl is expected to commence next quarter. Inaccessibility to commercial cities, such as Bossaso and Galkayo, previously increased the price of commodities in rural towns and made trade difficult, but now public accessibility, and confidence in governance, has increased.



Baargaal community celebrates a new dawn

Baargaal Municipality is found in Baargaal district of Puntland state. It started as a coastal town for trade and fishing. Piracy, clans conflict over resources and political differences have hindered Baargaal's development. Piracy in Baargaal started when fishermen's nets were continuously destroyed by passing ships and in retaliation they attacked the shipping lines. Since fishing was a major source of livelihood for Baargaal community and with their dwindling fortunes resulting from destroyed fishing gear and limited resources, piracy became the alternative.

Due to limited resources and geographical isolation, the local administration struggle to provide for their community. To improve the capacity of the local government to fight piracy and offer socio-economic services TIS program facilitated the construction of a local administration's office block, secondary school and a road to connect the coastal town to markets.

The newly constructed administration block will enhance the ability of the local administration to provide basic social and economic services precluding sea piracy and thus increase public confidence and trust in the local authority. The school will improve access to education thus re-engaging the youth's idle time thereby reducing the appeal of piracy. The road will improve trade in Baargaal by connecting people to markets and opening Baargaal for trade. Speaking at the event, the Mayor of Baargaal said, "I am sure we will benefit from this assistance, the most important thing now is how the community and government work together. We are here to serve you and this building is yours, it is your offices, we are seeking your support, without your support we cannot achieve our common goals, which are peace and security as well as provision of basic social services".

On May 15, over 200 people witnessed the official opening of a market in Ahmed Dhagah district, Hargeisa. Thirty households, mostly women, will be given a stall which will benefit trade in Somaliland's capital.



Program Objective: 2.0
Governing Justly and
Democratically
Program Area: 2.2 Political
Competitions and Consensus
Building
Program Element: 2.3.1
Consensus-Building Processes



Transparent participatory contracting process

TIS uses an open and transparent procurement process called “community contracting” to ensure the community participates in, and takes ownership of their own peace dividend activities. The community contracting process ensures accountability in tendering processes and proactively avoids conflict over tendering decisions. TIS-DAI facilitated 19 community contracting processes that resulted in the award of 17 contracts in

Puntland, Somaliland, Gedo, Lower Juba, Bay and Galgaduud. Each tendering process had a constituted bid committee comprising of representatives from the government, TIS-DAI staff and the community. Communities and the local administration in Lower Juba and Gedo expressed their satisfaction in what they termed as a “transparent and clean process” with most of the local administrations promising to emulate the process in future.

Coordination

Puntland

During this quarter, the TIS-DAI team participated in three Community Safety and Peacebuilding Working Group meetings where various government ministries and organizations implementing peace programs are members. The meetings are aimed at sharing information, providing inputs to bridge gaps and harmonize modalities for contributing to community security and peace building efforts in the villages, districts, and regional and at the national level.

Border Region

Following damages incurred as a result of an Al Shabaab attack on a local administration block in Belet Hawa, TIS-DAI had to use the budget allocated for furniture to repair the damages. However, German non-profit organization GIZ agreed to provide furniture for the Belet Hawa District Administration after coordinating with TIS-DAI. A joint TIS and GIZ community dialogue event to handover the building and furniture to the local authorities is planned for late August, 2013.

Somaliland

On July 1, the TIS-DAI team participated in a high profile youth employment conference titled “Getting Somaliland to Work, National Employment Conference and Jobs Fair”. The objective of the conference was to address unemployment among the youth and discourage them from migrating in search of work. The event was organized by Ministry of National Planning and Development and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, and was sponsored by the International Labor Organization (ILO), the guest of honor was the president of Somaliland, President Silanyo. Several local and international private sector firms and

organizations presented their efforts in creating job opportunities for youth. TIS-DAI team made a presentation on how the TIS program is creating job opportunities in Somaliland.

In Somaliland, the TIS team also worked closely with Finn Church Aid in facilitating a peacebuilding exposure visit for the Las Anod Community to Borama.

Bay

TIS-DAI are coordinating with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) on the implementation of Baidoa grants, especially the vocational training center and the market construction projects in Baidoa. In mid-June, the two organizations convened a meeting and discussed coordination among the stakeholders and modalities for regular information sharing.

Nairobi

The TIS-IOM and DAI teams made a joint presentation to the Somalia Stability Fund Secretariat. Mr. Ivan Parks (Head of Somalia Stability Fund Secretariat seconded by DFID) and Ms. Marieke Denissen (seconded to the Somali Stability Fund secretariat by the Dutch Foreign Ministry) expressed appreciation to USAID and the TIS team for sharing the TIS approach, guiding principles, challenges encountered and lessons learned. Mr. Parks said TIS was at the top of Somalia Stability Fund’s list of priority programs with which to collaborate. The fund is a \$60 million Stabilization program for Somalia and Somaliland.

The team participated in the monthly coordination meetings of the Community Safety and Peacebuilding Working Group. This quarter, Osman Moalim, Head of Somali CEWERU presented the five conflict assessments that Somali CEWERU

conducted for five regions of South Central Somalia with USAID TIS funding. Erika Berkenpas, an advisor to the TIS program, presented the TIS stabilization measurement framework that is currently under development. Furthermore, the TIS team shared with this working group, plans to engage in a second round of stabilization initiatives in Sool and Sanaag.

Operations

TIS-DAI built the capacity of its staff by facilitating four TIS-DAI staff members from Kenya (2), Somaliland (1) and Puntland (1) to attend a course on Applied Conflict Transformation in South Africa. TIS Database Manager underwent GIS training in Nairobi. Internally, trainings and updates on community contracting processes and Monitoring and Evaluation were conducted to staff in Nairobi, Puntland, Somaliland and Baidoa.

TIS-DAI is in the process of recruiting 12 staff including a Communication Specialist, two Engineers, two Procurement and Logistics Officers, an Information, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, three Project Advisors, Finance Officer, Grants Manager and Intern.

Monitoring & evaluation

Stabilization Impact Measurement

This quarter, TIS-DAI, in consultation with IOM, USAID and IBTCI, is finalizing the development of a stabilization impact measurement tool. It is expected that the developed tool will measure TIS program's effectiveness in reaching the overarching goals of increasing public trust and confidence in nascent government and promoting increased dialogue and consensus based decision making between government and citizens so as to create social cohesion and political connectivity.

Measuring impact and stabilization is not easy due to the many factors and variables at play. Therefore, TIS will adopt a two-stage approach to assessing the project's impact via quantitative and qualitative methods; through a perception-based impact survey (implemented by a firm managed by USAID's third party monitor, MEPS) and through post-survey focus group discussions.

A research firm (ACAR) was engaged through a transparent procurement process to develop, test, finalize and document the 'Perception Based Impact' survey tool and a qualitative methodology, in the form of post-survey Focus Group Discussions (FGD's) while referencing to the above goals and their outcome and outputs being refined by the stabilization advisor, Ms. Erica Berkenpas. The final draft quantitative survey tool is currently being finalized to include all the inputs by all the stakeholders. FGD guide will be prepared once the quantitative survey tools are finalized and pre-tested by the research firm.

Gender Indicator Review

TIS-DAI reviewed its gender indicator (GNDR-2) to reflect efforts towards increased access to productive economic opportunities for Somali women. The indicator will be populated from the following sources:

Infrastructure projects - beneficiary verification form, daily work-force Sheets

- Government structure rehabilitation or construction: Female employees earning income/wages from constructed government offices
- School Construction and Rehabilitation: Female teachers earning wages/income in constructed schools
- Health Clinics: Female nurses, clinical officers and doctors employed/contracted at TIS constructed clinics.

Livelihood projects - List of inventory Type B, beneficiary verification form, sign in sheets

- Construction grants – For every construction grant, of all construction site workers/laborers, ensure a minimum of two are women
- Market Place Construction and Rehabilitation: Direct beneficiaries of constructed markets (traders, self-employed), market employees
- Provision of sewing machines
- Building of women peace centers. Listing beneficiaries using centers for economic advancement.

USAID's Monitoring and Evaluation Program for Somalia (MEPS) conducted verification visits to 19 project sites in Gedo and Lower Juba (9), Puntland (7) and Somaliland (3). Here are some of the comments by the third party monitor and feedback from beneficiaries interviewed during the verification visits.

“[it is] very useful and an important asset to our community. Due to its strategic position it attracts the eyes of the community hence promotes peace, tranquility, unity and the interaction among the communities who are living together in Elwak.”

El Wak DC on a new community hall

“Wind, sun and all unfavorable climatic conditions forced us to cease our business in rainy seasons. Although it affected all the town dwellers, we were hit by more pressing economic problems as the whole of our livelihoods depends on this market. The new market place has provided us shelter against that. We are able now to continue our business everytime even when there are heavy rains and during very hot days.”

Woman market seller on a new market in Aynabo, Somaliland

“Something which ... inspired me in the process [with DAI] was the monitoring process and how everything was through consultation NOT dictated or supply driven. That chain was actually very fantastic and is worth to use it in all similar projects.”

Mayor of Bandar Beyla

“This hall is more important than the rest of the constructions and structures in Dhobley town since the meetings discussions and decisions made here determine the stability of the town. The people who came up with this project have thought very wisely and it is a piece of work that not only reflects achievements in this town but also will garner rewards from God. I hereby say God bless you.”

Member of Dhobley peace committee on new meeting hall

“Those with and without identification cards have a maternity ward with free services, easily accessible to everybody in Elwak district and also it has shortened the distance to cross the border except during complications. It's built on strategic and neutral ground for the people of this town to have access and to cover their basic needs in mother-to-child health”

Member of El Wak peace committee on new maternal child health ward

“The difference between now and before is very big. We can work every day comfortably because we have a furnished working space of our own; we can invite as many participants or community members we want to meet with, we have toilets with water connection and there is also privacy since culturally privacy for women is important.”

Deputy Chair Bandar Beyla on new women's center

“Before this the people didn't have a health facility in the village, they didn't have a place to keep and store medicines, the health workers stored it in a rented room due to the lack of space or storeroom for the medicine they receive from the district health office. I am sure this facility will improve the health care service in the village.”

Mayor of Bandar Beyla on new health center

“After being faced with threats and great pressure to accept a late submission, the community and its leadership played a pivotal role in helping reach a peaceful solution while remaining true to the process and its associated fairness and impartiality. The community demonstrated high level of interest, participation, and true ownership of the community-driven and transparent process.”

Third party monitors on two gravel roads in Eyl, Puntland

“They [the community] will [now] directly go to the designated office for that service, this will increase people's confidence in the government and feel that their elected officials are trustworthy. Also, the municipality workers will have comfortable space to work and serve the community, their sense of loyalty and pride will improve as well.”

District Council Member from Barargal on new administration block

“Everyone in this town talks about that road; all people are happy and satisfied with the development works that are taking place in our district. At last the district and the aid organizations are doing something tangible and useful for the community.”

Local businesswoman from Baargaal on new road

“The hall is good for us and it is very helpful in times of solving disputes. It is very much needed because there are no other meeting halls in the district. It also helped the community elders who previously used to solve disputes under trees. I believe the construction of this meeting hall has contributed a lot to the promotion of peace in the region.”

Deputy Police Commissioner on new Aynabo communal hall

Challenges and lessons learnt

Inaccessibility of government officials and the effect of the cabinet reshuffle

In Somaliland, local government officials have been busy thereby hindering the collaborative style of TIS operations that upholds transparency and accountability. The recent cabinet reshuffles affected coordination, because new ministers are not familiar with the TIS approach hence need more time to familiarize themselves on the program.

Ethiopian Military Occupation of TIS facilities in Luuq

Ethiopian forces are still occupying a TIS constructed social hall and primary school in Luuq, despite promising to leave by May 15, 2013. Several attempts by the grantee and the local administration encouraging them to leave the premises have been futile. Construction activities have been hampered since then. The Luuq local administration is reluctant to force the Ethiopian troops out of the newly constructed TIS buildings because they have yet to identify an alternative base for them. In addition, the community and local administration fear that when Ethiopian troops leave Luuq, Al Shabaab is highly likely to return and re-occupy the town.

Low level of public confidence in the newly appointed local administrations in Lower Juba

After the TIS stabilization planning session in Malindi, in October 2012, most of the districts –Raskamboni, Kolbio, Dhobley, Diif, Gerile and Elwak - selected for a second round of TIS activities saw a change in local administrators. The new local administrators often did not fully understand the TIS goal of improving government-citizen relationships. In Kolbio, when the TIS team went to advertise bids for two projects, they were stopped from doing so because the community viewed the newly appointed District Commissioner for Kolbio as “foreign” and believed his leadership was imposed by the Kenyan Defense Force. Two (Local administration block and water source constructions) activities designed for Kolbio are on hold until the local stalemate is resolved.

Shortage of Qualified Construction Contractors

A Lack of technical capacity by bidders in Dhobley and Raskambooni, in which none of the bidders scored above the DAI minimum set technical threshold of 70 per cent, has caused delays in implementation. Re-bidding will be done in Raskambooni and for Dhobley. The minimum threshold for technical competency was lowered to 65 points.

Poor Road Networks affect accessibility to TIS sites

Poor road networks and inaccessibility in Garisa-Kolbio, Lamu-Raskamboni, Garisa-Dobley, Wajir-Diif, Wajir-Gerile, especially during the rainy season, has resulted in TIS-DAI team members spending over 14 hours to cover a distance of less than 100km.

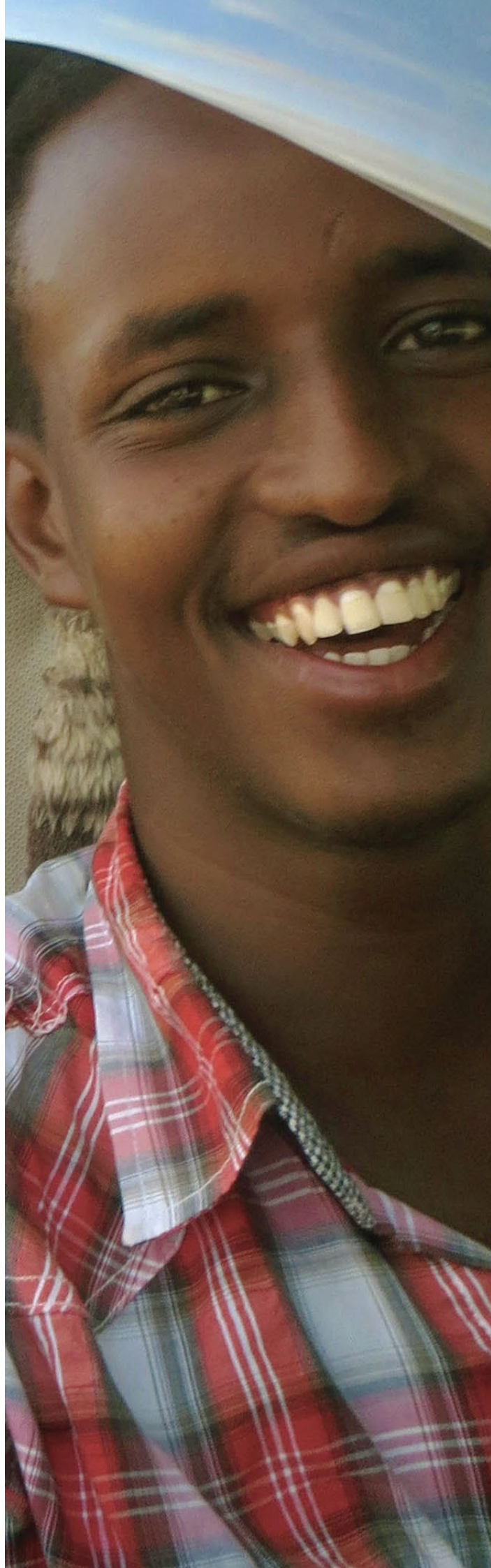
Moving forward

In Puntland, TIS-DAI plans to facilitate planning sessions for Sool and Sanaag in Bocame and Dhahar districts, start the implementation of gravel roads in Eyl, finalize construction of roads in Xafuun, and start construction of offices for the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Public Works in Garowe, construct Bargaal market and primary school and facilitate skills training for 600 youth in the coastal towns of Puntland.

Along the border regions, TIS-DAI plans to work on closing five grants in Dhobley and El Wak, facilitate two handing over ceremonies for completed grants in Beletxawa and Dollo, conduct a hydrogeological survey and an environmental impact assessment for the drilling of two boreholes in Dhobley and Geriley and water pan in Raskambooni districts, and start implementation of 14 projects.

In Somaliland, TIS-DAI plans to facilitate planning sessions for Sool and Sanaag regions in Erigavo and Las'anod tentatively in the month of August, the second phase of peace building workshop will commence, facilitate handing over of five grants in Somaliland, handover media equipment to the Ministry of Information, and work on close out of 25 grants.

Implementation of new activities identified in the Galgaduud planning session will start following the approval of the proposals, bids will be advertised and contract awarded through community contracting process. Implementation of Adaado grants has started. Baidoa grants are progressing well



Indicators

	FY2013 Targets		FY2013 Q1 Actuals		FY2013 Q2 Actuals		FY2013 Q3 Actuals		Cumulative Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1.1 Number of people participating in USG-supported events, trainings, or activities designed to build mass support for peace and reconciliation	150000	100000	300159	442934	86788	111924	64843	96758	451790	651616
1.2 Number of USG supported events, trainings, or activities designed to build support for peace or reconciliation among key actors to the conflict	40		19		1		21		41	
1.3 Number of sub-national government entities receiving USG assistance to improve their performance	20		12		4		9		25	
1.4 Number of USG-assisted consensus-building processes resulting in an agreement	50		12		0		7		19	
1.5 Number of peace-building structure established or strengthened with USG assistance that engage conflict-affected citizens in peace and/or reconciliation process	12		5		1		2		8	
1.7 Number of persons whose livelihood opportunities are improved as a result of USG-funded workforce development programs	5500	500	447	0	441	0	161	0	1019	0
Proportion of female participants in USG assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic resources (assets, credit, income or employment)	2660	1000					442	361	442	361



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